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AGENDA ITEM #4

**TO:** Environmental Commission  
**FROM:** Callie Niday, Staff Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA) Updates

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive reports and updates on SVCEA Board of Directors and standing committee meetings

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**BACKGROUND**

**State and Local Mandates**

**Community Choice Energy**

**Council Actions**

**Implementation of SVCEA in the Los Altos Community**

**SVCEA Structure**

**SVCEA Sustainability Managers Roundtable updates (September 2017 to April 2018)**

For a full review of the topics above, please access the following link

[https://www.losaltosca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/environmental\\_commission/meeting/43111/5\\_svcea\\_2018.pdf](https://www.losaltosca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/environmental_commission/meeting/43111/5_svcea_2018.pdf)

To review **SVCEA Member Agency Working Group updates (May 2018 to December 2018)**, please access the following link:

[https://www.losaltosca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/environmental\\_commission/meeting/43119/item\\_3\\_svcea.pdf](https://www.losaltosca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/environmental_commission/meeting/43119/item_3_svcea.pdf)

**DISCUSSION**

The MAWG did not meet in December 2018. City staff attended the SVCE County-wide Reach Code Working Group Launch on January 15, 2019 to learn more about the Reach Code project described above. Members of the City Manager's Office and Community Development Department attended as well.

At the January 24, 2019 MAWG meeting, the group discussed the potential for SVCEA to form a joint funding mechanism with BAAQMD and other agencies to fund EV infrastructure. SVCEA staff is currently developing an RFP and scope of work to secure a consultant to explore the EVSE market and identify barriers, forecast infrastructure needs, and establish a mechanism to pursue grant funding. SVCEA also updated the group on youth focused programs like the Bike to the Future event, which took place in April 2019 and the creation of a student ambassador program, focused on educating students and schools about ways to reduce GHG emissions.

On March 20, 2019, SVCEA hosted a workshop on the Reach Code project to the appropriate City Staff, the Building/Developer Community and interested stakeholders. The Reach Code project is currently underway, the consultant completed the cost effectiveness study, and the initial draft of the reach codes was released in March.

At the April 25, 2019 MAWG meeting, the group discussed the release of the new PG&E rates for 2019. SVCE gave an announcement that their rates will have a 3% increase effective May 1st; however, they are still 6% below PG&E's rates. Sunnyvale gave a presentation on their Climate Action Playbook. The group received an update from Aimee Bailey, Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation, on SVCE Innovation Onramp which went live April 3rd. The Heat Pump Technology Days: Water Heating Meeting was held on May 9th in San Francisco. SVCE also informed the group that the results of the cost effectiveness study for the Reach Codes project are available. Currently, SVCE is looking for input from cities and stakeholders; May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to provide input before the reach code language is drafted. By the end of May 2019, SVCE is launching a showcase design grant focused on all-electric projects within the service territory, for which the new, all-electric Los Altos Community Center may be eligible. Also, the group announced that PG&E has delivered gas data for the Climate Action Plan.

At the May 23, 2019 MAWG meeting, SVCE presented the heat pump water heater program, which is launching in June 2019. This program is offering funding for 100 residential projects including incentives for new heat pump water heaters and new solar panels. The group received an update on the showcase of all-electric design awards, which is now launching in June 2019. The awards are going to be available for all-electric buildings that are already built, rather than future projects. The goal is to showcase the participating projects in SVCE's resource center. SVCE also gave an update on the jurisdictions that have sent in a letter of intent for the reach codes – including Cupertino, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Campbell, Los Altos, and Sunnyvale. On May 29, 2019, the building model reach code language was shared and on June 6, 2019, the electric vehicle model reach code was discussed.

Staff will provide an update on the monthly MAWG meetings; Chair Weiden will provide an update on the CPAG meetings. Monthly SVCEA Board of Directors' meeting agenda and selected materials will be reviewed and discussed.